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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, ICRC, GV
SUBJECT: ICRC VISIT TO GUINEA

REF: A. CONAKRY 448; B. CONAKRY 398

1. INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL PASSED MARCH 8 TO SCHMIDT, WHO MOST GRATEFUL. HE PARTICULARLY NOTED, BUT WITHOUT COMMENT AS TO HIS INTENTIONS, EMBASSY'S RESERVATION CONCERNING APPROACH TO SOVIETS AND POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES.
2. SCHMIDT WAS GIVEN NAMES OF AMBASSADOR HARROP AND DCM MAINLAND. HE STILL PLANS TO ARRIVE MARCH 13 AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.
3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SCHMIDT MAY GIVE A SOMEWHAT CAUTIOUS, RESERVED IMPRESSION ON FIRST MEETING, TRUE OF NOT A FEW ICRC OFFICIALS, WE HAVE FOUND HIM VERY WELL DISPOSED AND PLEASANT TO DEAL WITH. TALL, SOLIDLY BUILT, IN EARLY MIDDLE AGE, SCHMIDT HAS A WIDE KNOWLEDGE OF AFRICA AND AFRICAN PERSONALITIES, AND STRIKES US AS A SHARP, PERCEPTIVE PROFESSIONAL. WHILE REALISTIC AS TO PROSPECTS FOR ANY DRAMATIC BREAKTHROUGH IN THE COURSE OF THIS VISIT, SCHMIDT FEELS THAT THE TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES MAY BE RIGHT,
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AND IS MODERATELY OPTIMISTIC THAT TOURE MIGHT BE INDUCED TO BEGIN OPENING THE DOOR. HIS BASIC APPROACH APPEARS TO CONFORM TO THAT DESCRIBED BY THE EMBASSY IN PARA 6, REF B. INCIDENTALLY, IN ADDITION TO INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT, WHICH HE HAS DIGESTED, SCHMIDT WAS GIVEN THIS MORNING COPY OF SECSTATE'S REPORT TO CONGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES, INCLUDING SECTION ON GUINEA,

THAT MISSION JUST RECEIVED. END COMMENT.
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